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## COMMITTEES AT WAR BUT PHYSICIANS WIN

Joint Session Was Fiery, Financiers Being Charged With Effort to Block Legislation and With Failure to Do Duty—Some Sharp Talk.

Notwithstanding determined attempts on the part of certain members of the Finance Committee of Council to prevent changes in the regulations of the City Home allowing a staff of visiting physicians to take charge of the medical and surgical work of that institution, as suggested by practically the entire medical profession of Richmond, the ordinance, with two amendments, was favorably reported at a joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Committee of Relief of the Poor held last night.

This conclusion was reached, however, only after a long and bitter discussion.

Some question arose as to how long the measure had been on the shelf, and Dr. Williams contended and declared that kindred ordinances would have been returned to Council long ago if the subcommittee of the Finance Committee had done his duty. There was rather plain intimation, moreover, that the effort to block or defeat the new regulations was due to two things—the severe criticism of the Finance Committee by Dr. Williams for its tardiness in reporting City Home ordinances, and the desire to take care of Dr. Trevillian, the resident physician. In the end, however, the plan was adopted. Alderman Dabney alone opposing it.

**Referring Committee.**  
Not the most pleasant feeling exists between these two committees, and this fact was continually cropping out, with a word here and there, reflecting upon these members of Council who are charged with the duty of looking after the welfare of the home for the poor.

One member of the Finance Committee, for instance, contemptuously asked the name of the committee. Not all the "financiers" were a party to the filibustering tactics. Mr. Pollock, Mr. Mills, Mr. Pollard and Mr. Dabney showed their opposition to it. Mr. Pollock and Mr. Mills, the most aggressive, although they finally voted for adoption. There was injected into the consideration of the measure an attempt to make new rules for the management of the City Home, but so palpably out of place was it that Mr. Trevillian protested. Mr. Pollock's party, the way for another long delay by his motion to refer the matter to a subcommittee, but this was withdrawn.

**Dr. Taylor's Strong Plea.**  
The clearest light was thrown upon the situation by Dr. H. M. Taylor, who said that he had originally proposed the visiting staff, and that it was endorsed by the faculty of the medical colleges. "The plan now existing," he said, "is obsolete, and so recognized. The new plan is in vogue everywhere, and I cannot see how any one can question the feasibility of it. It will give the best help to poor suffering humanity. The poorest citizen will get the benefit of the best attention. I reiterate that it is in the best interest of the poor, many of whom might be restored to usefulness if they can secure this expert attention."

Dr. W. S. Gordon emphasized the wisdom of what Dr. Taylor had said.

**Question Not Answered.**  
When Mr. Graham B. Hobson asked Dr. Taylor if Dr. Trevillian in his twenty-five years at the City Home had ever called in an expert, Alderman Dabney interposed sudden and violent objection. The question was not answered. Dr. Taylor, Dr. Gordon, Dr. Williams and Alderman Ellett explained that the visiting staff would not object to including the regulations in the ordinance. They wanted it understood that the leading medical volunteers would live up to their obligations and assume all responsibilities during their period of service for the proper care and attention of inmates. Alderman Ellett was proceeding to say that he had been in favor of the change for a long time, when a member of the Finance Committee laughed.

"Some of you laugh," he said, with feeling, "because you have no better sense."

**Sharp Talk About Duty.**  
Earlier in the meeting the joint committee took up the ordinance relating to a move for the resident physicians. Some of the points were not exactly clear, and this provoked merriment on the Finance side.

"It has been so long since the ordinance left the committee on Relief of the Poor," said Dr. Williams, "that I cannot at the moment recall all of the details. If the subcommittee of the Finance Committee had done his duty," he continued, "this matter would have long since been settled."

Mr. Pollard, the subcommittee, expected the record. "Dr. Williams has been trying to throw off on the Finance Committee," said Mr. Pollard, "and he has made charges which are not exactly correct."

**There Eleven Months.**  
"Well, why didn't you answer them when they were made?" Dr. Williams replied.

Mr. Pollard then showed that one of the ordinances had been referred

on November 4th. Dr. Williams came back with the statement that one had been with the Finance Committee for eleven months.

"When the Committee on Poor is coming to the Finance Committee to ask favors," said Chairman Wood, of the latter, "it is in bad grace to criticize us after seeking these favors."

This brought Mr. Julius A. Hobson to his feet. "We are not asking your Finance Committee for any favors or any money," he declared. "This is a matter which concerns the welfare of the people of Richmond. The Council has the final word, not you."

**To Take Care of Dr. Trevillian.**  
The question as to when the ordinance creating the visiting staff should go into effect was the occasion for other outbursts. Dr. Williams said that his committee had been under the impression that Dr. Trevillian was in favor of the plan, and had so stated to a subcommittee. "Afterward," he said, "I heard Dr. Trevillian was opposing it. When I asked him about it he said we ought not to legislate him out of office."

Dr. Williams and Dr. Taylor assured him, however, that he need have no fear on that score. Then Mr. Mitchell paid some tribute to Dr. Trevillian.

Mr. Graham Hobson said that the payment or non-payment of a paltry salary should not stand in the way of medical and surgical attention for the poor.

**Seemed to Doubt Physicians.**  
Finally the amendment, making the new plan effective on July 1st, was adopted, along with the Pollock amendment, providing that the physicians should be required by ordinance to do that which they had already agreed to do by the solemn promise which is made by some members of the Finance Committee not to seem to think that the plan, as endorsed by the medical profession of Richmond, was best, apparently believing that the doctors merely wanted a field for practice.

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## BELGIAN FARMERS ARE COMING HERE

Crowded Out of Densely Populated Country Seek Homes in the United States.

### CONSUL-GENERAL VISITS CITY

Investigating Conditions in South and Is Very Favorably Impressed with Virginia.

With a view to studying conditions in the South for the purpose of suggesting to his countrymen a suitable location for Belgium people who wish to emigrate, Consul-General T. Hagemans, of Belgium, visited the city yesterday, stopping at the Jefferson Hotel. During the day, in company with Mr. W. Otto Nolting, the Belgian vice-consul, he visited the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture, gathering data about Virginia, especially from an agricultural viewpoint. Last night Mr. Hagemans, who is stationed at Philadelphia, said that as yet there is no plan to bring over his countrymen in any great numbers, but that if the South is found by him to be suitable to them, immigration would probably follow on a large scale.

Belgium is small, he said, and densely populated. The inhabitants, therefore, have learned to cultivate every available spot of land, and are the most thorough of farmers. He feels that they would be of great benefit here on that account. They could not only introduce their methods, but would furnish by their presence a partial solution of the farm labor problem. The consul-general is very favorably impressed with Virginia, and thinks that his people would do well here.

This morning Mr. Hagemans leaves for Norfolk. During his trip he will visit all the Southern States. He is making this personal investigation because he wishes to give first-hand information to his government, so that the immigrants may not be misled by reports circulated from other sources.

### ON WRONG VEHICLE

Holmes Got in Street Car and Didn't Know How to Act.

Eleven drunks were listed on the ticket of the Police Court yesterday. Seven were just plain drunks; four had charges of disorder added. All contributed to the city exchequer. John W. Crutchfield, who was charged with giving security for the sum of \$100, thirty days for creating a disturbance. To the surprise of the entire court, W. H. W. Holmes, the most regular frequent of the place, came up out of his turn. Holmes draws a pension from the English army, and every day, after securing his board for four weeks in advance, he comes to the rest of the money, merely saving enough to pay his fine. He was there two or three days ago, saluting the judge in military fashion, and paying the cost of a plain drunk, with certain champagne extras, about which he explained volubly to the court. Yesterday he showed up on a new charge—drunk and disorderly on a street car. Justice Crutchfield said he didn't know that Holmes ever rode in anything but the Black Maria. Holmes said he didn't know much about trolley riding and had made some kind of a break. He didn't know just what. The case was continued until Saturday, when Detective Gibson and Policeman Acree will tell what happened.

### FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

Dr. Robert C. Bryan Lectures Before the Club on Anatomy.

The Fortnightly Club held its regular bi-monthly meeting at the apartments of Dr. Robert C. Bryan, in the Virginia, last night. The members listened to Dr. Bryan's interesting lecture on "The Physiology of the Human Body." Dr. John Bell Henneman, professor of English in the University of the South, was present as a guest and made a brief address.

Dr. H. R. McIlwaine, State Librarian, has been elected a member of the Fortnightly, this being the only addition to the membership of the club in nearly two years.

Those present were Rev. Thomas Sommes, John P. McGuire, Jr., Kirkwood Mitchell, J. Scott Parrish, C. C. Pinckney, H. S. Harrison, George Bryan, William Todd, B. B. Valentine, J. S. Bryan.

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## LIBRARY BOARD

Session Held Yesterday: Another to be Held To-Day.

The Virginia State Library Board met last night at 8:30 o'clock in the office of the librarian, Dr. Henry R. McIlwaine. Judge Theodore S. Garrett, Norfolk, presided. The other members present being Mr. Edmund Pendleton and Mr. S. S. P. Patterson. The librarian reported two notable gifts to the portrait gallery—a full length portrait of "Rebel" William Claiborne and a copy of St. Memin's portrait of Governor William Cabell. Both were accepted by the board. The portrait of Solicitor-General Claiborne, one of the most striking of the colonial figures, was the work of his descendant. It had been on exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. The portrait of Governor Cabell was presented by his grandson, Major Henry C. Cabell, of the United States Army.

It was decided by the board that the department of Bibliography, as now established in the library, shall be known hereafter as the "Department of Bibliography and Comparative Legislation," the work of the library as to comparative legislation having grown to such proportions that it merits this measure of recognition. The board adjourned to meet at 12 o'clock to-day, when various business matters affecting the interests of the library will be considered.

## VIRGINIA FISHERMEN

Annual Meeting Held and Officers Elected Yesterday.

The Virginia Fishermen's Association met in annual session at Murphy's Hotel yesterday and elected the following officers:

President, Captain George D. Squires, Lancaster.

Secretary, George N. Reed, Northumberland.

Treasurer, John Hinton, Northumberland.

It was stated that the association is asking no legislation with regard to the fish question; that it has invested at least \$1,500,000 in its business, and that it employs over 900 men. Captain Squires expressed pleasure at the cordial reception given to the members of the association while in Richmond.

## PORTER IN JAIL

Took Everything from Hospital Except the Diseases.

John Lomax, formerly a colored porter at the Virginia Hospital, furnished his house from the supply room of the hospital. While he did not take any diseases, he managed to get a sample of pretty much everything else about the hospital. Dr. Hopkins and Dr. Martin identifying in court sheets, towels, napkins, pillow slips, crockery, ware, cotton cloth, scissors, implements of all kinds, wood, coal and coffee. Notwithstanding the variety, the total amount was worth but \$30 or \$40. Lomax will spend the next six months in the city jail.

## MORTALITY HEAVY

Pneumonia and Tuberculosis Caused Greatest Number of Deaths.

The monthly report of the Board of Health, issued yesterday, shows a total mortality for January of 248. The mortality rate for whites was 12.14, colored, 23.94, with nonresidents excluded. Two hundred and thirty births were reported, 112 whites and 88 colored. The death record shows that pneumonia led with tuberculosis second.

## Must Face Jury.

Charles Pittman, William Nicholas and Fannie Burk, colored, were sent on to the grand jury yesterday after a hearing in the Police Court on a charge of assaulting, with intent to maim, disfigure, disable and kill one William Wright. There was some conflict of testimony, but the razors were put in evidence, and Justice Crutchfield decided that the trio must face a jury.

## STATISTICS OF CATHOLIC DIOCESE

Advance sheets of the official Catholic Directory, published in Milwaukee, give the following statistics regarding the Richmond Diocese:

Population (Catholic), about	40,000
Bishops	1
Clergy	50
Churches	69
Colleges and academies	21
Parishes, with schools	21
Children attending	5,625
Orphan asylums	4
Orphans	300
Charitable institutions	10

## STRONG PLEA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mrs. Munford Urges Finance Committee to Help Kindergarten and Manual Training.

### NEEDS GREATER THAN EVER

More Than 100 Children Failed to Secure Admission Into Schools Last Year.

Representatives of the Richmond Education Association appeared to the Finance Committee last night to include in the budget the entire amount asked by the School Board in order that kindergarten and manual training work may be carried on and encouraged.

The one logical and effective address of the evening was made by Mrs. Beverly B. Munford. With a watch in one hand and a fund of information on the tips of her fingers, she presented clear and convincing reasons why the appropriation should not be reduced. Sixty per cent of the parents of pupils in the public schools are engaged in the mechanical trade, she said. The point she emphasized is that the pupils should be aided along that line, when the cost of manual training is only 48 cents a year. She showed the importance of kindergarten work, and reminded the committee that more than 100 children failed to secure admission into the schools last fall.

"Don't cut the amounts for these works," she said. "This is the least we can get along with decently. We are trying to get the maximum of efficiency with the minimum of cost, and you gentlemen, to whom we are appealing, ought to be heard to urge it."

Mr. Harry M. Smith was master of ceremonies. Dr. S. C. Mitchell, Superintendent of the Mechanics' Institute; Mr. W. H. Woody, Jr., and Mr. W. E. Richardson advocated liberal aid. Mrs. G. W. Darby made a very clever address in asking that \$2,000 be provided for the Rosemary Library. Mr. David Meade White presented a petition for \$1,500 for the Eleanor Elliott Home.

### AT WORK ON LIQUOR LIST

Judge Witt Will Announce Names of Saloon-Keepers Next Week.

Judge Witt intimated yesterday that within the next week he would be prepared to make public the list of persons to whom saloon licenses will be granted under the new law. The uncertainty about their chances has been the source of considerable worry to the applicants generally, those who expect the greatest anxiety being the dealers in the residential sections against whom no complaint has been made.

Not more than 150 licenses can be granted. Certified checks were deposited by 214 applicants. Right to sell will be denied to 74 should Judge Witt's list contain 150 names.

**Negro Meeting.**  
The Mechanical Star Association, a colored industrial organization, celebrated its tenth anniversary last night at Johnson's Hall.

John H. Mabrey presided over the meeting, and M. P. Tyler acted as secretary.

**All a Mistake.**  
William Smith, a respectable looking negro, was locked up last night charged with stealing a pair of shoes. His employer came by and bailed him in the sum of \$100. William says it's a mistake about those shoes.

**To Resign in March.**  
Alderman W. T. Dabney, who has already entered upon his duties as business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, will not resign from the board until March, this arrangement being satisfactory to the directors of the chamber.

**Her Terrible Mistake.**  
Virginia Clark, a negro, thought the Sea-board Air Line still a rich corporation that might present to her some coal. Seeing a loaded car she helped herself. Policeman Duffy assisted her in carrying the bag to the First Station, and this morning Virginia will hear all about the poverty of the railroads and how much they need the coal.

**Charged With Stealing.**  
Joseph Courtney (colored) was arrested last night on the charge of stealing candy. When the wagon arrived Officer Atkinson came up with a warrant charging Joe with stealing \$1 also.

## All Extra Trousers in a Reduction Sale

None are excluded, every pair of Mixed and Fancy Trousers bears a new mark.

\$ 3.50 Trousers Reduced to \$2.95

\$ 4.00 Trousers Reduced to \$3.15

\$ 5.00 Trousers Reduced to \$3.95

\$ 6.50 Trousers Reduced to \$4.95

\$ 7.50 Trousers Reduced to \$5.65

\$ 8.50 Trousers Reduced to \$6.45

\$10.00 Trousers Reduced to \$7.45

Plenty for the regular, lean, stout and extra size men.

## Gans-Rady Company

## HURLED BLAZING HAY FROM HIGH WINDOWS

## PHYSICIANS WILL NOT BEAR BURDEN

Firemen Have Hard Fight, But Subdue Stubborn Flames in Business Block.

### STOCK IS BADLY DAMAGED

Object to Withdrawal of Repeal Bill for Benefit of Board of Health.

Business Just Bought by Mr. Carter from Executor of Captain Deane's Estate.

Two members of the General Assembly—Dr. R. S. Powell and Dr. William B. Daniel—addressed a meeting of the Church Hill Medical Society last night on the question of repeal of the State license tax act. After hearing the legislators, the doctors discussed the matter, and adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, by the Church Hill Medical Society, That it is unanimously opposed to the withdrawal of the bill now before the Legislature of Virginia, repealing the special license tax on physicians."

"Resolved, That this society emphatically unwilling that the amount of special license tax that the medical profession of the State pays into the Treasury of the Commonwealth should be increased, and that the burden of the increased efficiency of the State Board of Health, the burden of which should fall upon the public, who would be benefited and not upon the profession, which constitutes the only class which would suffer by the increased efficiency."

Another meeting of the Medical Society of Virginia will be held on Saturday night and an additional effort will be made by those who favor the withdrawal of the bill. In view of the opposition of the physicians here and in other parts of the State, however, there seems but little chance that the society will accomplish anything.

**Bacon and William Locked Up.**  
William Thomas let his fondness for "haw meat" get away with him last night, and when Sergeant Tyler and Policeman Voss met him on a dark cross street he was tugging along two fine looking sides of bacon, which he couldn't account for. The pork is at the First Station, and so is William Thomas. Both will be in the Police Court this morning.

**Acting Chief Ruffo lead Company No. 7 through the back entrance and carried a line of hose up the back stairs, covering the top floor through the smoke. Other companies working from the Cary Street side, seeing the lights from the lanterns behind the smoke pouring from the upper windows, thought for a moment that the fire had got away from them, and a water was hastily rigged up in Cary Street to throw streams over the heavy line of telegraph wires, which prevented the use of ladders.**

**Hurled Bales Down.**  
The appearance of the fire at the top story window astonished the crowd, who thought the whole building in flames. Firemen then began hurling from the windows smoking bales of hay, to be wetted down by the hose in the street below.

The damage to the building is slight and is fully covered by insurance. The stock is seriously injured by fire and water. Several hundred bushels of grain were water-soaked on the lower floors. Though some insurance was carried on the stock, Mr. Carter was not certain last night as to the amount.

**Leaves Saturday.**  
Howitzer Track Team Hopes to Win in the Washington Meet.

Under the management of Mr. Fairfax C. Jones, the Howitzers' track team will leave for Washington to-morrow to participate in the interscholastic and intercollegiate track and field games. The men are all in good training, and their opponents will have to come close to the record if they are to be beaten. Mr. Jones is much pleased with the spirit shown by the team, and says that if the Howitzers do not turn with some of the prizes it will not be because they have not done everything in their power to make winners of themselves.

**Fourth Anniversary.**  
The fourth anniversary of the opening in this city of the West End Rescue Mission will be celebrated to-night at 7:30 o'clock in the mission at No. 806 West Cary Street. Since the starting of this mission a Rescue Mission